The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson, Clerk; Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March 13 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as read with motion by Comm. Hibler and second by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll, Comm. Hileman passed, all others voted in favor.

Due to the cancellation of the March 27 regular meeting, Comm. Hibler motioned, Comm. Marketti seconded, to ratify bill payments made on that date; roll vote was unanimous. Ratification of an additional payment made on March 27 to Rub Ford for TIF disbursement was also accepted with motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Rankovich. Upon roll, Mayor Wise passed, all others voted in favor. Lastly, payment of current bills was unanimously accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich.

In a letter dated April 4, the Village of Gardner Zoning Board of Appeals accepted the additional duties and will service also as the Village Planning Commission.

Comm. Hileman began discussion on the proposed boundary line agreement with the Village of Dwight, pointing to a map provided to all Council Members. After short conversation on the rationale for these boundary lines, it was moved by Comm. Hileman to accept this agreement pending acceptance also by the Village of Dwight. Second was made by Comm. Marketti and all agreed upon roll.

Comm. Hileman also updated on his meeting with the representative of National WaterWorks regarding the changeover to the touch-read meters. After he told that six (6) meters remain to be converted, all agreed that certified letters would be sent to the property owners, allowing ten (10) days for them to make arrangements with the Village prior to water service disconnection. He further explained that the touch-read equipment, its software and training, along with upgraded utility billing software, would cost approximately $12,000. Comm. Rankovich then motioned to accept this purchase with second by Comm. Hibler and unanimous roll.

Comm. Hibler noted that the jail roof was replaced two (2) years ago with cedar shake shingles which now need to be sealed. Materials will be purchased; Village maintenance employees will then complete the project.

Comm. Marketti reminded that effective May 1 of each year, water rates automatically increase 5%; however, as funds remain in line, he motioned to again waive this increase; after second by Comm. Hileman, roll vote was unanimous.

It was also reported that the notice to bid for the exterior coating of the outside of the watertower will be published; bids will be publicly opened and read on Monday, May 8.

Finally, Comm. Marketti informed that the cost to bring the sewer line to the Habitat home being constructed on Odell Street is higher than originally estimated. Fatlan Trucking will be contacted for an additional price quote and hopefully there will be more information at the next meeting.

At 7:25 p.m. the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussion of employee compensation and performance, allowed pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; Motion was made by Comm. Rankovich, seconded by Comm. Hileman, all in agreement. At 8:10 p.m. regular session was reconvened with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Marketti and all agreeing.

As there was no further business to be brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:14 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti; all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner